



UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
WASHINGTON

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Dear Joshua,

As promised, I am enclosing a set of all the CCD verbatims and working papers dealing with the BW treaty since March 18 of this year, as well as a copy of the final version of the treaty produced by the CCD. You will also find in this package the CCD's report to the UN. We got our copies of this last document too late to be of help for your October 15 paper, but I thought you would want one for your files.


The UN First Committee has not yet taken up the BW treaty (it will likely do so about mid-November) but we hope and expect the treaty will be commended by this UNGA.

We have just had a hearing on the draft treaty before the House (Zablocki) Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The hearing was a friendly one, but we did have some difficulty with the phrase "toxins whatever their origin or method of production". The treaty doesn't actually define toxins, of course, and this is therefore a somewhat fuzzy area. During the summer session the Swedish delegation had privately remarked that even alcohol could be considered a toxin and at the committee hearings Congressman Morse asked if heroin were covered by the word "toxins". ACDA is taking the position that only substances conventionally described as toxins and intended for use in war are covered in the treaty ban.

Despite minor difficulties, we are pleased with the treaty product of our negotiations, and I hope you will be also.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Arthur R. Day

Enclosures:

As stated.

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